Departments of Power, Environment and Forests, as well as those of Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance for a quick review of all the hydro-electric projects in the country which are held up on environmental grounds;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of such projects which have been held up for a long time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) At present, no such proposal is under consideration.

(c) Information in respect of major hydro-electric projects which have been accorded techno-economic approval but are yet to be cleared from the environmental angle are given in the statement enclosed.

Statement

Name of the Scheme	Installed Capacity (MW)
Palamaneri (UP) . . .	142.5
Lohari Nagpala (UP) . .	282
Sawalkot (J&K) . . .	600
Baglihar (J&K) . . .	450
Narmada Sagar (MP) . .	1000
Sardar Sarovar (Gujarat/MP/Maha.)	1450
Sharavati Tail Race (Karnataka)	240
Vishnu Prayag (UP) . .	480

Vacancies of Judges

672. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of posts of judges of various High Courts in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of posts of judges are lying vacant in each High Court and the Supreme Court of the country; if so, what is their number separately;

(c) whether there has been a considerable delay in the appointment of judges; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and b) The requisite information regarding the High Court is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

The Supreme Court has an authorised strength of 26 Judges; at present, 12 posts are vacant.

(c) and (d) The matter of filling up the vacant posts of Judges is engaging the earnest attention of the Government in consultation with the Concerned constitutional authorities. However it is not possible to indicate the time by which all the posts will be filled up.

Statement

Sanctioned Strength and Vacancies in Various High Courts as on 1-2-1987

	Sanctioned Strength	Vacancies
Allahabad	60	11
Andhra Pradesh	26	3
Bombay	48	4
Calcutta	41	..
Delhi	27	2
Gauhati	10	2
Gujarat	21	5
Himachal Pradesh	6	1
Jammu & Kashmir	7	..
Karnataka	24	4
Kerala	21	..
Madhya Pradesh	29	1
Madras	25	6
Orissa	12	3
Patna	35	5
Punjab & Haryana	23	7
Rajasthan	22	1
Sikkim	3	1
TOTAL :	440	56

Harassment by Vishal Gas Service to its Customers

673. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that not only the service rendered by M/s Vishal Gas Service G. T. Road, Shahdara, Delhi-32 to its customers un satisfactory but they are also causing harassment to their customers particularly those residing in Jagjivan Nagar and Bhagawanpur Khera by way of late delivery of refills and not attending to other miscellaneous complaints promptly; and

(b) if so, what action, if any, Government propose to take against the said firm?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The service rendered to the consumers by M/s. Vishal Gas Service, Delhi has, by and large, been satisfactory.